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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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GOLDEN GOLD.

FREE MARKET MENDS PRICE.

LONDON, January 23.
The Times in its annual financial review for 1919-20 with regard to gold that last year must take precedence of any since 1813 for eventfulness. It had, inter alia, confirmed the conclusion of the leading economists of the nineteenth century that gold, despite its limitations, provided the most suitable basis of a sound currency system. These conclusions had triumphed in the restoration after five years of a free market in sale and current output.
Permission was granted to Australian producers in order to prove their contention that they were receiving less than the market value. It resulted in their disposal of 210,000 ounces averaging \$4 15s. 9d. the standard ounce in the four months ending Jan. 7. It was mainly sold to Hongkong and Shanghai.
The cause of the rise in the paper price of gold is shown to be the same as in the Napoleonic wars, when it reached \$5 10s. per standard ounce, namely, an excessive issue of paper currency in relation to the supply of goods and gold. A tabulated statement shows that the value of the world output last year was \$75,000,000 whereof the Transvaal produced, \$35,500,000. The rest of the empire produced \$14,000,000. These totals may be compared respectively with \$96,800,000, \$38,600,000, and \$20,100,000 in the year 1915. The world's drop per cent last year compared with 1915 was twenty-two. Allowing for labour difficulties and the effects of increased working costs, the experience of the gold industry in wartime has emphasized the danger of attempting to limit the operation of the law of supply and demand.
It is pointed out that producers are wisely stimulating the largest possible output at present as the existing high price of gold as it were cannot be maintained. Consequently decreased production is regarded as checked and an increase is confidently anticipated in 1920 unless the unforeseen happens. India was an important factor in the gold market in the second half of last year owing to a favourable trade balance. The Indian government recognised that it was cheaper to buy gold than silver. In order to meet currency demands it prohibited the private importation of gold despite the producers' protests; and on the basis of exchange and the price of silver it was enabled to buy sovereigns at about twenty-four shillings and resell them in the bazaars at a rate working out at thirty-four shillings.

LORD FRENCH ON IRELAND.

PARIS, January 23.
Interviewed by *Le Journal* Lord French said that all Irishmen must not be condemned because of the individuals who attempted to assassinate him. He attributed the principal cause of the trouble to the fact that emigration had been stopped for five years and young men having refused to serve their country in wartime to-day felt the shame of their abstention. They imagined that their exploits made them heroes, whereas they were only laggards. Order would be restored if martial law were proclaimed but this would only be done as a last resource because however leniently and efficaciously it was applied it would leave a legacy of bad memories and irritation. A beginning would therefore be made by the suppressing of the instigators of outrages. It was his duty to restore order in Ireland and he would not fail to do so.

STORMY DEBATE IN FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

PARIS, January 22.
After five hours' stormy and confused debate in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Leon Daudet moved a resolution condemning the appointment of M. Stoeck as Minister of the interior, but it was rejected by 383 votes to 14.
M. Millerand rejected a number of orders of the day, implying no confidence but finally a vote of confidence, was passed by 272 votes to 23, but there were 300 abstentions.
As result of the debate M. Millerand remains at the head of the Government, but he will have to face fiery assaults on January 28, upon the debate on the foreign policy. The Government is not expected to remain in power long.

TESTING GERMAN GOOD FAITH.

WILHELMSHAVEN, January 23.
The inter-allied naval mission to inspect at German ports the manner in which the Germans carried out the naval terms of the peace treaty arrived aboard His Majesty's ship *Malaya* and exhaustively inspected the yards here, likewise at Heligoland. Admiral Charlton firmly pointed out that the treaty must be carried out literally. Eight battleships were found in deplorable conditions. The commission was everywhere respectfully received. It proceeds to Kiel and ultimately to Berlin. The crews of the inspected warships sang patriotic songs but there was no other incident.

PAISLEY ELECTION.

LONDON, January 22.
The Paisley unionists have adopted James Mackean as coalition candidate. Meanwhile, labour extremists threaten to run a second labour candidate.

AUSTRALIAN GENERALS POST-PRANDIAL.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 25.
The federal government entertained General Birdwood and the Australian generals to dinner. General Birdwood in responding to a toast said their first duty was to maintain well-trained citizen forces for defence, not defence. New Zealand and Australia should work as one nation.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By Arrangement with the *Wah Tat* Yei Po.)

SHANGHAI, January 27.
Sau Kwai Hing, the Kirin Tuchen, reports that the bridge at Yick Ma Chun was blown up by a mine placed by the Bolsheviks.

Luk Ching Cheung informs an interviewer that as he was opposed to the Treaty of Versailles he should not be called upon to deal with the question of the retrocession of Tsingtao. "The country as a whole," said Luk, "must endeavour to devise some means for settlement."

Telegrams received by the Premier from all quarters unanimously favour the Shantung question being decided by the League of Nations. Luk Ching Cheung advises Lau Kan Yen to accept the post, as

Minister to Japan. It is said that Lau will take the advice and proceed to Japan at an early date.

Chow Kia Shui had a telegram from Harbin reporting that the British and French forces in Siberia will leave when the American troops do. He also reports that Japanese troops at Siberia are still being reinforced.

The Premier told the representatives of the Shantung Province in an interview that he would not consent to direct negotiations on the Shantung question though the result of the submission of the question to the League of Nations could not be anticipated.

The notes of the China Bank and the Communication Bank have risen to 55.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

THE "POW-HATTAN."

HALIFAX, January 22nd.
The *Lady Louisa* has reached the *Powhatan* and is trying to connect the tow-line.
HALIFAX, January 23rd.
All the *Powhatan's* passengers have been transferred without accident to another steamer.
They were suffering from the effects of the severe cold and rough seas, and proceeded to New York.

INFLUENZA IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.
It is estimated that a thousand new influenza cases were reported in New York City, and over two thousand in Chicago yesterday, but the mortality rate shows a reduction.

FRENCH DELEGATES.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Five French Conference Delegates, M. Millerand, M. Marshall, M. Isaac, M. Paleologue, and M. Cambon, have been appointed.

HAYAS REVIEW.

PARIS, January 23rd.
A Hayas message states:—
M. Millerand's Ministerial statement was greeted yesterday with applause in the Chamber.

It contains firm promises for carrying out the Peace Treaty, and a strong programme of reconstruction and social reform.
Germany, M. Millerand said, devastated ten of our most prosperous Departments. To repulse the aggression and to win victory, France had been obliged to exert her energies. The valor of our soldiers saved the country. It is not enough to recognise it by words. In order that victory should give us its full benefit, it will be necessary to make many efforts to show as much abnegation as during the war. The days of sacrifices are far from being over. The country is as ready to see them imposed as it was during the war.

To avoid the renewal of the war, M. Millerand said, we ought to have faith in the League of Nations. The French Government, he said, will not neglect anything depending upon it in order to help to fortify its organisation.
The new Cabinet obtained the vote of confidence by 275 votes against 23. 300 deputies abstained from voting.

PEACE TREATY IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.
It is stated on the best authority that further conference between the leaders of the Senate yesterday resulted in material progress towards a compromise on the Peace Treaty. It is now regarded as possible to harmonise the differences on Article 10, and the question of the voting power on the League of Nations.
The members of the Conference are sure that the Senate will accept any compromise reached at the Conference.

HOLLAND REFUSES TO EXTRADITE EX-KAISER.

LONDON, January 22nd.
The *Evening Standard* states that Holland has despatched a Note declining to extradite the ex-Kaiser, unless Germany also demands it.
There is no confirmation of the statement.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

LONDON, January 22nd.
The Russian situation has developed a fresh surprise.
The French Press yesterday expressed concern at the statement that Great Britain will not be able to provide her quota of troops for the plebiscite areas in view of commitments elsewhere.
It was officially announced in London last night that it had been found necessary to modify the arrangements to send eleven British battalions to East Prussia, Silesia and other plebiscite areas. It has now been decided to send three battalions. One departs for Flensburg to-day, and two others subsequently, go to Danzig and Allenstein respectively.

A section of the Press interprets the announcement as indicating the resumption of the policy of military adventure which it was thought had been abandoned last week when the Russian blockade was raised.

UNITED STATES ARMY.

NEW YORK, January 22nd.
Addressing the Military Committee of the Senate, Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, endorsed the Committee's Bill for the reorganization of the army as the most statesmanlike measure.
The Bill provides compulsory military training and the formation of a large army, composed of the Citizens, the Reserve and the Regular Army, consisting 320,000 men, and a National Guard.

AMERICAN BANKERS IN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd.
Mr. Hawes, President in America of the American Bankers' Association, addressing the Pan-American Financial Conference, declared that American bankers aimed at establishing closer and more productive relations between the American and European financial systems, and at assisting Europe with properly secured credits.
A group of the Committees have agreed to ask for the following loans here, subject to the approval of the Conference:—
£500,000 for refunding and transportation; Venezuela, \$5,000,000 for transportation; Bolivia, amount not specified, for sanitation, and \$5,000,000 for transportation.
Paraguay, which applied for loans for an unspecified amount, has adopted plans to colonise 5,000 Belgian families.

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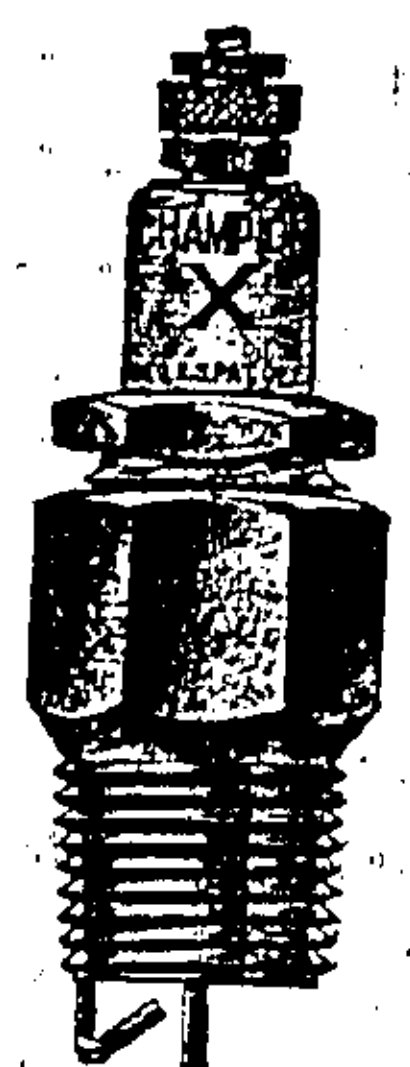
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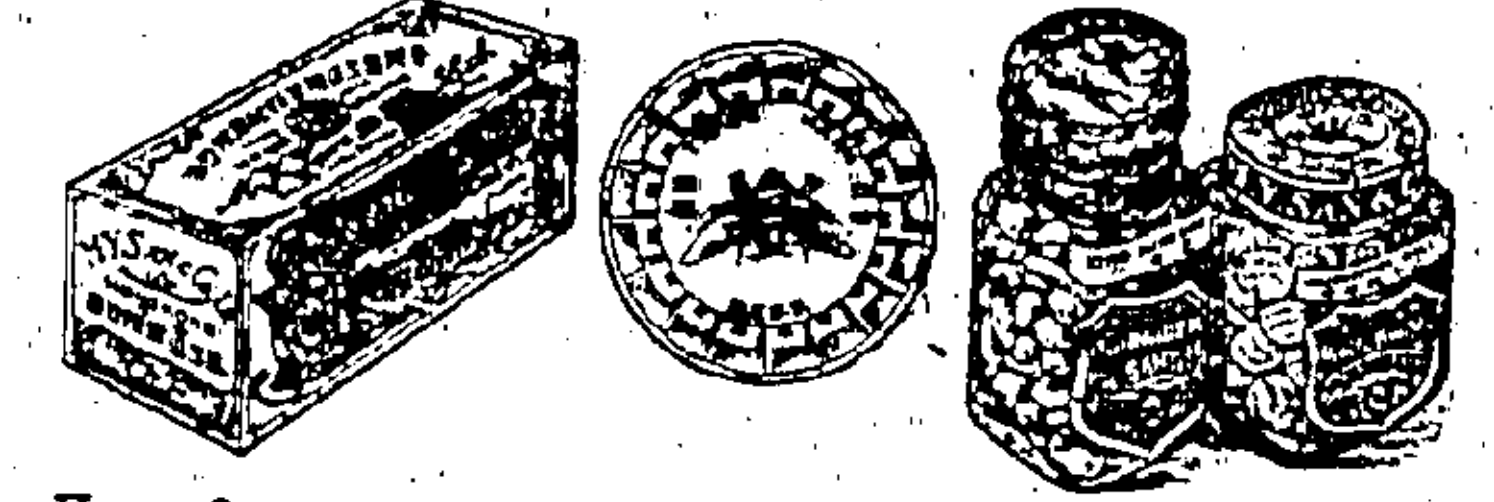
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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
The Hongkong Central Estate Limited.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to the
Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January, 1920, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Manicom, on TUESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 27th to February 10th, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDING on THURSDAY, 5th February, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the REPORT OF DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday 28th, January to Thursday 5th February, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to the

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Hongkong, January 21, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on FRIDAY, February 8, 1920, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 27, 1920 to FRIDAY, February 6, 1920. BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1920.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY 26th January to 7th February 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1920.

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CONDOLENCE.

The Roman Catholics of H.M.S. "Alacrity" beg to convey to the widow and family of the late Mr. N. G. Nolan, of the Supreme Court, their deepest sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Nolan and family beg to tender their thanks to friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement and for the beautiful floral tributes.

BIRTHS.

LEAVER.—On January 9, at Kulangsu, Amoy, the wife of Harry Percy Leaver, C. M. Customs, a daughter.

BAILEY.—On January 18, at Shanghai, to Robert and Flora Bailey, a daughter.

BELL.—On January 19, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bell, a son.

HETHERINGTON.—On January 21, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Hetherington, a son.

DEATHS.

JONES.—On January 19, at Shanghai, Muriel Veronique Jones, wife of David Philip Walter Jones, of the Health Department.

HARRIS.—On October 17, at Leek, Staffs, Francis Chambers Harris, late Commander Chinese Maritime Customs, aged 51.

BARNES.—On January 21, at Shanghai, Fidelia Jones, the beloved wife of A. C. Barnes, aged 34, years and 5 months.

CAMERON.—On January 21, at Chefoo, Mary Howard Cameron, formerly of the China Inland Mission.

The China Mail.

NEWS, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 1920.

HOUSE PROFITEERING.

Shanghai is in something like the same boat with Hongkong as far as scarcity of housing and profiteering in rents are concerned. Of the latter, the N. C. Daily News says, complaints are common, and that the facts may be regarded as "probably providing as flagrant an example of profiteering as may be found here today." Our contemporary is not

ADVERSARIA.

The Adversarialist is in a woe, state of profound gloom, so woe, cheerfulness will be very difficult today. It will be, indeed, a miracle. Before him on his desk lies an invitation to accompany an old friend next April to Chengtao by steamer, thence by train to Tientsin, Peking and Hankow, by river boat to Ichang and down again to Shanghai, then to Foochow, Amoy etc. and back to Canton, and down the river, and so, home again. But he is like that caged starting Sterne tells about. He can't get out. Woe, woe.

Jail warden McLeod A. WARDER has gone on leave. He is the warden to whom the recently condemned prisoner gave an unsolicited testimonial to character.

The Chinese are people in a NAME (or the reverse) in a name. The Tientsin dealers being anxious not to embarrass the Government in its foreign relations, yet determined to persevere with the boycott, have dropped the anti-Japanese slogan and now refer to "anti-foreign goods." "Anti-foreign" in a literary sense is good goods.

A Malaya resident relates the following incident of a trip from India to Penang. He had obtained a bottle of whisky, and it was on the table in front of him when the passengers sat down to their first meal after leaving port. A missionary lady was seated next to the man with the bottle, which was espied by her little son, who asked his mother what it contained. The lady answered, "My son, there is something in that bottle which I hope you'll never touch." And the man from Malaya broke in: "I hope not. That bottle has to last me till I get to Penang."

We never saw this, and nobody told us about it, yet Shanghai is laughing over a typed meteorological report alleged to have been put up on Pedder's Wharf. It stated that the humidity of Hongkong on Dec. 24 was 85 per cent. We don't believe it. There hasn't been that much humidity in Hongkong since the Rev. Mr. Bone left, and he had only about ten cents worth.

A little while ago we had a story of two wolves seen at Fanling. A correspondent next day told us he had seen them going into Jardines. We printed that also. Time passed. To-day another correspondent wants to know if that was a joke. We don't know.

In reply to several hopeful enquirers, we have to state that the newspaper Wright who died was not a China Mail employee. That one is not yet dead; he only wishes he was.

It was that those immortal racing men call a "moral certainty" that the professional jockey of the type who argue from "the bankruptcy of science," etc., would weigh in with a reference to Einstein's theory and the suggestion that with the theory of gravitation busted, a new theory of the universe wanted, and so forth, therefore we should go to speak patronize the old firm of solution mongers. Something like that did actually appear in some "Church Notes" in a Shanghai paper, and was denounced by Professor Chatley. The ignorant, however, will go on repeating the lie, while the contradiction will be overlooked. It is heartbreaking. The only real difference that Einstein's theory makes is this, that it proves that human instruments are not so accurate as we thought them, and that the human eye cannot see straight. The Press comments on it confirm the fact that journalists as a class are as ignorant as we believed them to be, and these "church notes" prove that the joss propagandist is as unscrupulous as ever. It is obvious enough to a reasoning mind that the bending of the stellar rays proves, rather than disproves, the theory of gravitation. The qualities of space are absolute, and of course where they are dealing with the behaviour of moving matter it is not space they are dealing with at all.

One of our most UNGALLANT esteemed contributors has managed to make the Editor angry. He strolled into the office when the great man was very busy, used the editorial scissors to cut his nails, and looked as if he were going to stay all day. That's the worst of some of these Hongkong fellows. Because they have insufficient work to do themselves they will not let others get on with theirs. "Why," said this one suddenly asked, "is a woman like dough?" "Too easy," said the Chief. "Because a man needs her. If you've nothing fresher than that I wish you'd go and visit the others." "That's not the answer," said the loafer. "Then what is?" snapped the editor. "Because she's so hard to get off your hands." The gum-pot exploded against the lintel and the joker went through the door.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At a dinner party the other night they were MASTERPIECES, talking of the Hundred Best Books stunt, and the apparent impossibility of any agreement as to choice. Then this problem, which looked to be a hundred times harder, but wasn't, came up. What one book would a voluntary Robinson Crusoe choose if restricted to one? There were the usual votes for Shakespeare and for the Bible, by men who seldom look at them. One was for Rabalais, one for Swinburne (he's mad) and there was even one for Whitaker's Almanack, which is full of good reading that can be conned over and over. But by general consent, the correct answer was adjudged to be a good dictionary, the author of this brilliant suggestion pointing out that it offered more food for reflection than any other single book.

It is not long ago DIRTY WORK that we heard of the AT THE confiscation of large CROSSLANDS, numbers of sovereigns at Indian ports, the property of steamer passengers. Private importation was forbidden. According to The Times as cables by Reuters the Indian Government was itself buying sovereigns and selling them in the bazaar at a profit of ten shillings each.

We all deplore LORD FRENCH is the crimes of NO LOGICIAN. violence in Ireland. We are all heartily sick of the problem. That frustrated, we may proceed to point out, with his message to a French journal as a text, that Lord French is not the man to restore order in Ireland. He hasn't got the idea. His logic is very Irish. He draws a picture of young Irish "slackers," ashamed of their abstention from the war, which must be wide of the mark. They abstained on principle, and cannot be ashamed of it. He says they are not heroes, and lots of Englishmen will agree with him, but Irishmen will insist that however mistaken their actions may have been, they are the stuff of which heroes are made. He says martial law will restore order, which is a natural error for a great soldier. Martial law is itself a disorder, however. Ireland has had martial law too long. It has never done what was expected of it. If martial law restores order, why keep it for a "last resource." Order should be the first resource. We have no cure to offer. We don't believe in Home Rule because we don't believe in nationalism; but we are clear on this, that Lord French from his own words is not the man for the job.

We are constantly receiving complaints from RENTS, A HARD LUCK STORY. tenants. One this morning has quite a hard luck story for us. His landlord (whom he admits has been a very good and considerate landlord) has let the property to a Chinese firm. On Dec. 30 this firm gave the tenant notice to leave his garage. In the current weather the motor car business is not at its best. To remove in the last month of the Chinese year, when all the bills are coming in, with business returns small, and the expenses of removal to consider, was no light thing. Apparently the profiteer figured on this, for after two or three days the tenant was told he could stay on if he paid a thousand dollars as a "key money" and agreed to pay double rent. He decided to remove. Then he got a second offer, to stay on at a rental of \$180 instead of the usual \$120, but by that time he had secured other premises. The "key money" was reduced to \$250, and the rent to \$135, if he would stay for another year. This "key money" squeeze is the worst of the lot, and it should be made unlawful. In the case of a tenant of long standing, who naturally doesn't want to move, it practically amounts to extortion by menaces.

KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

The remarkable five-reel masterpiece production "The Cry of the Weak" revealed the value of a wonderful producer's intelligence of knowing in advance what to put into a picture to make it draw great audiences into theatres. The picture was of such a magnificence that it deserves to be repeated. Tonight another all star cast of Fox players "The Primitive Call" will be screened, picturing a woman's power for good and evil, featuring the famous actress Gladys Coburn. It is lavishly staged, skillfully directed, adequately acted, with a good story well told; in short, it is a remarkable movie and the public will undoubtedly appreciate it. Another bumper house is expected throughout this splendid photograph. Other celebrated plays of equal importance will be forthcoming in the next change of programme on Saturday next. The subsequent excellent episodes of the serial film "Red Ace" will run on during the 7.15 performance in which the daring Marie Walcamp will appear again more conspicuously than ever in her snap and pop acting.

"WALLA WALLA" boats are new and fast. Get them at Blaker's.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 3d.

Madame Flint, our leading costumiere, proceeds to Paris shortly.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows one case of diphtheria and one of enteric.

Owing to a slight attack of influenza, Mr. Justice Gompertz was unable to attend Court to-day.

M. Conty, a former French Minister in Peking, has been appointed French Ambassador to Brazil.

The weekly concert will take place at the Seamen's Institute tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club, will be held at the City Hall, on February 4, at noon.

Capt. Thomas of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. returned to the Colony from the front on Monday.

Mr. Philip Goldring has taken over the business of the late Mr. N. C. Home of Shanghai, and has started practice in the Northern settlement.

It is understood that the fate of the Victoria Theatre, as a theatre, is definitely settled. It is to go out of business.

The Diocesan Boys' School annual speech day and prize distribution will take place at the Diocesan School on Friday, February 6 at 5.30 p.m. H. E. the Governor will be present to distribute the prizes.

Charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with snatching a gold earring from a Chinese woman in Queen's Road West, a 15-year-old Chinese boy pleaded "guilty" and was sentenced to receive 10 strokes with a rattan.

Consignees of cargo ex the s.s. "Columbia" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after January 31, will be subjected to godown rent. Claims for chafed, broken or damaged goods will not be recognised after January 30.

Sergt. Cockle this morning charged 25 coolies with gambling on the first floor of No 56 Wanchai Road. All the accused pleaded "guilty" and his Worship imposed a fine of \$2 each. \$458 found on the gambling table was confiscated.

Another report with regard to the Chingchow trouble, states that a British gunboat has arrived at Macao, and the Macao authorities, acting on advice received from the British officials have ordered the contractors to cease work on the reclamation.

We are informed by the Committee of the Economic Resources that future meetings of the Committee will not be open to representatives of the Press, but that reports will from time to time be communicated to the Press.

The annual ordinary general meetings of the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd., the Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., and of the Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held in the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., to-morrow, Thursday, January 29, at 11.30 a.m., 11.45 a.m., and 12 noon respectively.

It is stated that the representative of the Canton Government and Lo Yun-shan, the officer commanding the Chinese forces in Chinsan, are negotiating with the Governor of Macao regarding the stoppage of the reclamation work on the Chingchow shores. The Portuguese have agreed to cease work pending a settlement of the dispute.

Three students who were arrested for trespassing in the Canton Law School, were ordered to be deported to their villages, and not allowed to return to Canton. The other students went on strike, and informed the Civil Governor that if the deportation orders issued against their colleagues were withdrawn, they would return to school. The Civil Governor agreed, and the strike came to an end.

Owing to the absence of the Chingchow or the Minority member from the session of the Constitutional Convention, the Speakers of the Canton Parliament have announced that the session is to be suspended for a week. It is reported that about 50 members, mostly of the Minority Party, have left Canton for their homes in the North, and many others are to follow.

It is reported that the decision of the Canton Municipality to fill up the Sai Ho Creek for building a new road, is strongly opposed by the residents of Salkwan. The creek, it is pointed out, is a useful canal for transportation of food-stuffs and forms the best refuge for junkies in storm. No less than 100,000 boatmen earn their living on the creek. The boatmen were ordered to remove their boats within two days, and they are now threatening to go on strike.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI POLICEMAN ACQUITTED AND PRAISED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 28.

The jury discharged Constable Allen from the opium robbery case. The judge paid tribute to his splendid war record and asked Allen to hold his head high as an old soldier who had distinguished himself.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL CHAIRMAN.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 28.

Mr. Pearce, chairman of the Municipal council, is retiring after seven years' able services. Mr. Pearce is to remain in Shanghai.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There will be a tea dance at Wiseman's to-morrow.

Owing to there being only about 20 people in the "house" last night, no performance of Opera was given. There will be a performance to-night.

The last batch of German prisoners left Yokohama on the 17th inst. for Germany. Baron Waldeck, the late Governor of Tsingtau was amongst them.

The Bank Industrielle de Chine is opening a new Branch in Singapore on March 1. M. Durmire will be in charge. The opening of this branch will take place simultaneously with the opening of the new branch in Swatow under the supervision of M. Mostiere, as reported in the China Mail last week.

H. E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G., H. E. Major-General F. Ventris, C.B., and H. E. Commodore V. Gurner, have kindly consented to act as Patrons and to be present at the performances of Lord Dunsany's plays "The Gods of the Mountain," and "The Tents of the Arabs," to be given at the Theatre Royal on February 13 and 14, by the members of the Hongkong University Union.

Mr. Tsang Foo has sent to the China Mail two well mounted photographs of his school at Tsang Foo Villa, Po Kong Road, Kowloon, which was opened on November 11 last and later visited by H. E. the Governor. One of the photographs shows His Excellency with the Private Secretary and his A.D.C., Mr. Tsang Foo and Mr. Wong Kwong tin. The other is a reproduction of the school building.

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A THIRTY CENT FIGHT.

Two Chinese who were this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with fighting in Queen's Road yesterday, and causing a crowd to collect, thereby obstructing traffic, pleaded "guilty" to fighting.

Asked why they fought, the first defendant said the second defendant's brother owed him 30 cents and refused to pay. Witness went to the second defendant and asked him to honour his brother's debt. The second defendant got angry and the two brothers joined together and assaulted witness.

These second defendant said the quarrel was between his brother and the first defendant. He did not take part in it. It was true that his brother had borrowed 30 cents from the first defendant, but the money had already been paid.

His Worship bound the defendants over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

THE ORIENTAL MIND.

When a hawk was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with causing an obstruction with his baskets, he caused some amusement, in Court by asking his Worship, in view of the fact that he was only yesterday fined \$2 for a similar offence, to treat him leniently this time.

His Worship informed him that it was usual to impose a heavier fine for a second offence.

The defendant promised his Worship that if he was given a chance this time, he would not offend again.

A fine of \$4 was imposed.

LOGROLLING DUNSANY.

The Hongkong University Union has the pleasure to announce that professor O. W. Ferguson, M.A., Professor of Education at the University of Hongkong, will deliver a lecture on Lord Dunsany—the man and his works—at the Helena May Institute, by kind permission of the Council of the Institute on Wednesday, February 4th, 5.30 p.m.

The Chair will be taken by Professor G. P. Jordan, M.B., Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University. The lecture is open to all members of the Public.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THE MARATHON RACE.

The following further entries for the Marathon Race, to be run under the management of the Boxing Association, on Saturday, February 21, have been received. This list brings the total to date up to 54. No entries will be accepted if received after 12 noon on Saturday next, January 31.

2nd Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regt.—Lieut. J. M. Dodington, Lieut. R. M. P. Beaver, Sergeants Grace, Whalley, Smith, Gaylard, Platt, Scudamore, Corliss, Rooney, Norman, Harris, L. Corliss, Hibbard, Reilly, Nye, Jackson, Drew, Haultain, Britten, Pies, Quick, Higgins, Fielding, Woodward, Budd, Corbin, N. G. Pearce, Davidson, Humphries, Gray, Mayne, H. S. Smith, Hemming, Bridewell, Rogers, Benke, Egmond, Skull, Davey, Musk, W. J. King, W. G. Hardy, Martin, and Day. Also L. Tel. G. H. Conway, Submarine L9.

The presentation of silver cups, of the value of twenty or twenty-five dollars, for this Race would be much appreciated by the Race Sub-Committee.

BOXING.

At a recent joint Meeting of the General and Boxing Committees of the Boxing Association, Sir William Rees-Davies in the chair, it was agreed to accept Championship Belts from willing donors for each of the eight British Championship Standard Weights, the conditions governing the holding, owning and forfeiting of same to be as under N.S.C. Rules; subject to any variations made by the Boxing Committee. It was further agreed that the following should be the minimum stakes per side, irrespective of any purse provided by the Association:

Heavyweight \$25
Flyweight 10
Other Weights 15

Belts have been presented as follows:

Lightweight.—Mr. H. J. Gedge, Official Referee.
Welterweight.—Police Reserve Mounted Patrols.
Middleweight.—Hongkong Daily Press.

The Welterweight and Middleweight Belts will be fought for on February 14.

We regret to hear that Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, the Boxing Association's Honorary Secretary, has been in hospital since Saturday last, suffering from an attack of influenza.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK IN HUANGPU.

ANOTHER SHIP DAMAGED.

As the result of a collision which took place in the river, near the Arsenal, the s.s. "Kifune Maru" belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha sank on Jan. 21 (afternoon) in about 20-ft. of water.

It appears that the "Kifune Maru," Capt. Minyahara, just arrived in port from Japan with between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of Japanese coal on board consigned to Furukawa & Co., proceeded up river to berth alongside the Chang Kah Pang Wharf, on the Pootung side of the river, but in order to do so had to go beyond that point to the deeper water off the Han Yeh Ping Co.'s wharf to swing round and come down to her berth. In doing this she apparently swung on the current and her stern is reported to have come into contact with the bow of the s.s. "Gweneth." The "Kifune Maru" received such injuries to her side that she immediately began to settle in the water and very shortly reached the bottom of the river in front of the Han Yeh Ping Wharf in a sufficient depth to cover her hatches. Nobody was injured and no lives lost.

The "Gweneth," which is reported to have had her bow twisted and a hole stove in it, did not sink though her injuries were sufficient to necessitate her removal to the International Dock and it is anticipated that the repairs to be effected will take at least a week. She is a steamer built for the Haischow S.S. Co. by the Nicholas Tsu Shipbuilding Works and was launched on March 3.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at the Government Civil Hospital this morning (from pneumonia) of Mr. Marcus Hayes. The deceased, who had been ill for about three weeks, was a popular teacher at the Diocesan Boys' School and was also a successful organiser of amateur concerts.

CROUP.

LIVELY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when your child is asleep, usually about 2 or 3 years of age, and is a warning. Get and keep Chapman's Cough Remedy. It never fails to act quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prize distribution in connection with the Victoria British School took place this morning. H.E. the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., handing the scholars their awards and afterwards addressing the parents assembled on the necessity of keeping the children at school as long as possible. His Excellency said the report they had heard read gave a very satisfactory account of the working of the school during the last year. He was sure the headmaster and staff were to be congratulated on their record. The report raised several questions on the necessity of which they might be allowed to differ with the opinion of the headmaster, if they wished but there was one point of supreme importance which he would like to emphasize. He did not as a rule talk about serious matters at prize givings but the matter which Mr. Forster had raised was so important that he felt it justified his making an exception. The question was the keeping of children at school as long as possible. It was a great difficulty in any tropical country where children could not be kept settled and continuously at school in the same way as in England. The school must necessarily suffer to some extent and the children must suffer also. But it was an important matter as Mr. Forster had said that children here should not be removed from school earlier than was absolutely necessary. In England there were reasons in many cases why children in the past had not been able to remain in school. It had been fully recognized by the present Minister of Education that it had been one of the causes of the serious deficiencies in our educational standards in England. If children had to leave school early they were required to attend continuation classes. It was natural of course that parents should desire to get their children started in life as soon as possible but it was a mistaken idea if they could possibly keep them at school. A boy who had been in business for three or four years was naturally better in business than his contemporaries who had been kept at school, but he did not get on the same way. They would find that the higher the education of a boy when he started the better he got on. That was recognized in England where a large number of University graduates were entering business and any big business man would tell them he would always take a graduate if he could get one. He trusted parents would see that their children remained in school until they got a thorough education. It was only the exceptional man who could educate himself after he had left school. He apologized for talking in this serious strain but it was really a matter of the greatest importance.

The headmaster's report was as follows. Mr. L. Forster, B.A.—The school was opened 192 times in the course of the year. The average enrolment was 49, the maximum being 58 in January and the minimum 42 in June. The average attendance for the year was 44.8 (48 in 1918). Owing to the cessation of hostilities and parents being able to take Home Leave there was a big exodus in the Spring of the year. In December last there were 22 scholars who had been in attendance less than 1 year and only one who had been in attendance more than 5 years. These fluctuations, though inevitable, are a serious handicap on the effective working of the school. They produce that feeling of temporariness, which tends to destroy the sustained effort and interest in work, which are necessary for a good education.

The Staff.—The Staff at the beginning of the year consisted of Miss Cooper, D.A., Mrs. G. H. Forster, B.A., and Mrs. Sorby, Certificated Mistress. Miss Cooper went on Vacation Leave on April 12, and Mrs. Floyd succeeded to her place. Miss E. Woolley was appointed pupil teacher Jan. 20 and left on Dec. 31.

The Premises.—The lavatories have been reconstructed, and the most modern system introduced. It is now possible for the boys to have a shower bath after playing games. These improvements are in every way a great benefit and are much appreciated.

Health.—Dr. Macaulay visited the school and examined the children medically. He reported the general health good. The school has been free from epidemics, and the attendance has not been much affected by illness.

Work.—In May, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, inspected the school and reported that the methods of teaching were up to date, and that reading was skilfully and very successfully taught to the infants by Mrs. Sorby. On the Midsummer Examination papers he reported as follows: "The works show a great improvement in all classes. The weak point is handwriting which in classes 5 and 6 is very poor. With this exception the work of the school is very satisfactory." In December 2 candidates were prepared for the Senior Local examination and both passed, one with distinction in Biblical Knowledge. The two successful candidates were Harry Joseph and Robert Duncan. As a result of her success in this examination Nancy McNeill has the honour of being

the first winner of the valuable scholarship recently founded as a memorial to Mr. J. R. M. Smith and open to the pupils of Scottish Parentage attending the Kowloon and Victoria British Schools. Nancy McNeill passed in all the seven subjects she offered at the Junior Local Examination.

One candidate was presented for the Junior Local and passed. More candidates should have been presented for these examinations, but some were withdrawn from school to take up appointments with Local Firms. It would be well if business firms would look upon the Senior Local or Matriculation Certificate as the leaving Certificate of the school, and if parents would not deprive their children of the best year of school life, when their intelligence is developing, and when they are getting over the mechanical and routine side of education, and acquiring a taste for literature, art, and learning generally. In this connection it should be noted that the leaving age in England is to be raised to 15, and compulsory education is to go on till 18. The minimum age in England, where poverty can justly be pleaded for early withdrawal in many cases, should at least apply here, where parents can hardly make the same plea. Mr. Landale pointed out last year that boys who took up appointments at an early age in offices did not generally attain the higher positions.

The Christmas Examinations for the rest of the school showed that general progress had been made especially by those who had had the benefit of a full year's teaching. The work in the lower school was probably better than in any previous year. Under Mrs. Sorby some of the children made splendid progress.

The only innovation in the curriculum this year has been the introduction of country and folk dancing together with organised games under the direction of Miss E. Macdonald.

A course of cookery lessons was given by Mrs. Sorby and the practical work was done by the girls with the same enthusiasm and keenness as last year. The Chinese class for the boys is under Mr. Li Hung Pin. It was inspected by Mr. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, who reported that the boys were making satisfactory progress.

Sports.—The playing field continues to be a splendid asset to the school. The boys use it for football three times a week and the girls two days a week for hockey. Matches were played with Kowloon School in both these games, while in football the boys had several friendly matches with the Indian School in the first term of the year. The addition of a tennis court would complete the equipment of the school on the athletic side and would enable the upper school to have exercise all the year round; but, so far, lack of funds has proved the obstacle to its realisation. Peace Day was celebrated on October 15 by joining with Kowloon School in a picnic to Junk Bay. Launches were very generously put at our disposal by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and a most enjoyable day was spent in sports and games.

The Cadet Corps to which our boys belong is now under Lieut. A. O. Brown. In addition to the usual formal parades, there are weekly bathing parties and an annual camp at Lo Wu where a healthful holiday is spent, and much instructive work is done.

General.—The school continues to do good work. The University results help to prove this, for during the last five years of 26 candidates presented for Matriculation, Senior Local and Junior Local 23 have passed. One of our scholars, R. C. Gezz, passed direct from the school to McGill University this year where he is now an undergraduate doing excellent work, both in the Class room and on the playing field. We continue to admit British children, who have spent varying periods at non-British schools. These pupils bring with them a different atmosphere. It is impossible for young people, in whom there is a strong unconscious power of mimicry, to be in close association with those of a different race and not be influenced by them. These children are generally not so spontaneous, alert, and responsive as the others. British parents therefore who deprive their offspring of the association with other British children, and put them into the environment of Asiatics do so at the risk of sacrificing those qualities which British parents generally prize. Throughout the year there has been harmonious co-operation between parents, pupils and teachers. It is due to this that the discipline of the school is so good, and the tone excellent. I wish to thank the Staff for their unfailing support in the work of the school throughout the whole year.

The prize list follows:—
Class I.—Robert Duncan, Senior Local Certificate; Harry Joseph, Senior Local Certificate.
Class II.—Nancy McNeill, Junior Local Certificate.
Class III.—Nicholas Nolan, Lugard Scholarship; Ivy Musso, Class Scholarship.
Class IV.—Dorothy Baker, Class Scholarship; Dorothy Lyon, Prize for Hygiene; Maree Nolan, English.
Class V.—Herbert Angus, Class Scholarship; Andrew Hazelard, Geography.
Class VI.—Henry Nolan, Class Scholarship; Irene Passmore, General Progress; Kitty Focks, General Progress.

Class VII.—Richard Leach, Class Scholarship; Clary Polley, General Progress; Jessie Johnson, General Progress.
Class VIII.—William Nolan, Class Prize; Edith Moses, General Progress; Infants: Dorothy Baker, Class Prize; Irene Nolan, General Progress; Lyle Glendinning, Drawing.

SPECIAL PRIZES.
War Memorial Prize, Rbt. Duncan, Senior Prize for Chinese presented by E. Ralphs, Esq. Nicholas Nolan, Junior Prize for Chinese, Wm. Gardiner.
J. R. M. Smith Prize, Nancy McNeill.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PEAK SCHOOL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—I wish to contradict the statement made by "Gossip" in the Week's Chat of your issue dated January 24, in which it is stated that: "A good many people have expressed resentment at the fact that the only children in Hongkong who are not provided by Government with experts in the educational line are the Peak children." For the benefit of those who apparently have no knowledge of the facts, I would state that there have been, and still are, on the staff of the Peak School teachers who hold the highest teaching qualifications, and who have had considerable practical experience in some of the largest cities in England.—Yours truly,

HONGKONG, JAN. 28, 1920.

[We have ascertained that the Peak School staff, contrary to general belief, consists of trained and certificated mistresses.—Ed. C.M.]

HAMMERED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with assaulting an Indian watchman employed at the Cosmopolitan Docks. He pleaded "not guilty." After the complainant had deposed to being struck once on the right arm and once on the shoulder with a hammer, his Worship convicted the accused and sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

LATEST HOME NEWS.

The Times says that perhaps the most hopeful signs about the governing body of the Labour Department of the L.O.N. are the harmony and sincerity shown by representatives of the workmen and of the employers.

Vienna reports that the State Secretary for Food has gratefully accepted the British Government's offer to deliver 900 tons of fat, 1,020 tons of preserved meat, and 800 tons of hams, of value together £278,800, to be paid for by the European Relief Committee. Shipment of supplies is to be made immediately.

Mr. Walter Long, the First Lord of the Admiralty, received Rear Admiral Pitka, the Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian Navy and by the King's Command presented him with the Order of Knight Commander of Saint Michael and Saint George, in recognition of his valuable services by supporting most ably and efficiently the operations of Admiral Cowan.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. TEI-MON, Capt. Glosdon, 2,842 tons, arrived yesterday at 12 noon from Shanghai.
The s.s. PENGFEIN, Capt. B. A. T. Thomson, 1,074 tons arrived yesterday at 2 p.m. from Dalny with 1,447 tons of beans.
The s.s. PALEMBANG, Capt. K. Bottema, 1,119 tons arrived yesterday at 8.46 a.m. from Balikpapan with 2,700 tons of betanese oil and 1 bag of mail.
The s.s. THONG SAMUD, Capt. Chi-u, 1,146 tons, arrived yesterday at 10.30 a.m. from Saigon with 1,850 tons of rice.
The s.s. PAR WO, Capt. D. Brath, 1,147 tons arrived yesterday at 8.40 a.m. from Wuhu.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having Claims against Mr. P. W. GOLDRING, Solicitor, are requested to send full particulars of same to Mr. J. H. GARDINER, Solicitor, 29, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

WANTED.

LADY & GENTLEMAN going to VANCOUVER with 3 children aged 14, 13 & 21 by "Montague" on 15th March, from Hongkong desire to communicate with Lady travelling by the same steamer who would be willing to be with the children. Terms to be arranged on application. Apply Mrs. Housley, No. 111, The Peak.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on MONDAY, the 9th February, 1920, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 9th February, 1920, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction:

on THURSDAY, January 29, 1920,

commencing at 11 a.m.,

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

6 cases Toilet Soap,

1 Sewing Machine, (new)

1 16-bore Midland's Gun,

11 pieces Lenco,

30 cases Bar Soap,

18 do Noodles.

Also

A Quantity of Sundry Furniture.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction:

(For Account of the Concerned.)

on SATURDAY,

January 31, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8

Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street.

One heavy silver toilet table set,

to be sold without reserve.

Also

One leather lined motor coat, Travelling

rug, and miscellaneous goods.

Terms:—Cash.

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Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on TUESDAY,

February 3, 1920, commencing

at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,

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large and small Wardrobes, Dressing

Tables, and Chairs, Washstands,

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boards, Dinner Waggons, Extension Din-

ing Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner

Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware,

Looking Stoves, Cutlery, &c., Bath

Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware,

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood

and Teakwood screens, a quantity of

Blackwood Furniture, Blackwood Fire

Screens, Slide Tables, Chairs,

Cabinets, Pictures, Carpets, new

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One No. 4 Cartridge Kodak Camera

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Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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From NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods have been landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 3rd prox. at 10 a.m. by Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART.

MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SINGAPORE, PENANG & BELAWAN DELI.

THE Steamship

"VAN WAERWYCK,"

having arrived from the above Ports.

Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all goods are being loaded at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd February 1920, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd February, at 10 A.M. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, January 28, 1920.

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BOLSHEVIST BATTLE.

The last hour of the special Trades Union Congress at Westminster was made memorable by a dramatic verbal duel on the subject of Bolshevism between Mr. Tom Mann and Col. Ward.

Mr. John Hill, of the Boiler-makers' Society, had moved a resolution demanding that our intervention in Russian affairs should cease, that the blockade should be lifted, and trade resumed. He suggested, with the curious obliquity of view which afflicts so many of our Labour statesmen when discussing foreign affairs, that the real motive of our interference in Russia is the Premier's admitted hostility to any influence restricting the profiteering adventures of private enterprise. He further made the startling assertion that British soldiers are still being sent out to Russia.

Mr. Robert Williams seconded the resolution with more than customary mildness of epithets. He virtually praised the Prime Minister for having opposed his instinctive Welsh Nonconformist pacifism to "the Jack Boots and brass-banded militarism of Whitehall," and finished by prophesying that Lenin and Trotsky would before many years receive as hearty a welcome in the streets of London as has been accorded since the Boer War to Smuts and Boria.

TOM MANN, BOLSHEVIST.

After a short speech on the same side from Mr. W. R. Smith, the agricultural labourers' M.P., Mr. Tom Mann sprang to the platform, and with a passionate, fiery speech—part of which he did me the honour of addressing directly to me—roused the audience to such excitement and enthusiasm as had not previously been called forth in this Congress.

The old agitator evidently has not lost his oratorical mastery. He spoke with the same energy as of yore, the same ringing resonance of tone, the same impressiveness of gesture, the same fierce, underlying intensity of feeling.

The Bolshevists, he claimed, were only applying—successfully applying, he said—principles which had been advocated by the men on the platform for 25 years. He denounced the Government for sending British sailors to jail in Edinburgh, because they had refused to return to Russia: "There is surely something lacking in us," he thundered, "when we stand by and watch such dirty behaviour without protest. At any rate, the type of man I am won't allow it—official position or no official position."

Tremendous cheering followed the close of his speech. Then Col. John Ward was soon standing on the platform, erect and determined, waiting to reply, and then noisy cheers changed to equally noisy booing and hooting. It took Mr. Chairman Thomas a long time to silence the tumult and persuade the audience to give a hearing to the distinguished soldier-navy, but at long last he was allowed to speak.

He protested with dignity against the treatment accorded to him. "You who differ from me may wish to repudiate me as a representative of Labour, but you cannot take from me my working-class status."

WARNING BY COL. WARD.

He defiantly declared that the Bolshevist speeches to which he had listened were based on ignorance, and when the audience angrily hooted, he sternly retorted: "I am not, as you know, a man to be bullied. I am not afraid of any of you, nor the whole of you. I tell you that you are doing wrong. You are injuring yourselves."

He expressed his admiration of Mr. Mann's oratory, but accused him of deliberately deceiving the people by drawing a false picture of the situation. When Mr. Mann jumped up to protest, Col. Ward blandly remarked: "I withdraw the charge in order that I may proceed with my statement."

The debate was closed by Mr. Jack Jones, M.P., who restored the audience to good humour by saying that "the nearest part of Russia he had seen was the Whitechapel-road." The resolution was then carried unanimously and the Congress adjourned, as Mr. Thomas said, till February.—Daily Mail.

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THE MACAO BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

MACAO POPULACE PANIC-STRICKEN OVER REPORTED IMPENDING CLASH.

For the last few days the Chinese inhabitants in Macao have been panic-stricken over the rumoured impending clash between the Chinese troops at Chinsan and the Portuguese garrison in Macao, because of incidents arising from a dispute over the boundary question. A large exodus has been going on since the beginning of last week, and it is believed that not less than 10,000 persons have left the Portuguese colony for Canton, Hongkong and the villages in Heungshan and other nearby districts. Yesterday morning when the Cannon-Macao steamboat "Shing Cheong" came up from Macao six or seven hundred more Macao residents immigrated back together with their household belongings, presenting an unusual and busy scene on the Macao boat wharf on West Bund.

It seems that the present dispute was the outcome of a belief on the part of the Chinese authorities that the Portuguese in Macao were actually encroaching upon Chinese territory, according to a report from the garrison commandant at Chinsan. According to the official reports made by the Chinsan battalion commander, Major Mo Kei, the Portuguese have been filling in tide flats in the vicinity of Green Island beyond the Portuguese boundary, and they were, therefore, accused of violating and encroaching upon Chinese territory. The Portuguese authorities were asked to cease reclamation activities, which they refused to do, and further reports on the subject were despatched to the provincial authorities by the Chinsan commandant. Acting upon these reports, the Tsuchun last week sent down to Chinsan military reinforcements consisting of two additional battalions of soldiers and several local gunboats.

The Portuguese authorities were evidently much alarmed, although there was no intention of an aggression on the part of the Chinese. And with the possible stopping of food supplies going into Macao by the Chinese troops at Chinsan, the fear of cutting off of the water supply from Wanchai, opposite Macao Harbour, and the somewhat precautionary measures taken by the Portuguese garrison, there was naturally much excitement and uneasiness among the inhabitants of the colony, hence the exodus.

A PORTUGUESE FRIEND'S VIEW.

The Portuguese have their side of the case. It was pointed out to a Canton Times representative by a well-known and old-time Macao resident that according to his opinion there was no justified cause for the Chinese authorities in demanding the cessation of the reclamation activities of the Portuguese for the simple reason that Chinese territory has not been encroached upon actually, since the tide-lands which the Macao authorities have been reclaiming are well within the Macao boundary as marked by the barrier gate erected by the Portuguese after 1879, when a collision took place which resulted in the extension of Portuguese jurisdiction to include the upper half of the peninsula of Macao. Since the boundary line marked by the barrier gate on the isthmus outside of the town has long been tacitly recognized by both sides as the actual boundary, it is impertinent to claim that the Portuguese are encroaching upon Chinese territory when that territory lies within the Portuguese side of the boundary, according to our informant. As to the present state of the reclamation work along the road to Green Island, we are further informed that the Portuguese have built an embankment about one hundred feet into the tide-lands from the barrier gate boundary, and then diagonally across to the outer rim of Green Island. The area of lowlands enclosed by this mud embankment has almost been filled up. The work commenced more than a year ago, but no notice was given to the matter by the Chinsan military official until several months ago, when he began to make strong reports against the Portuguese to the Tsuchun.

This piece of reclamation work is undertaken in connection with a plan to construct a typhoon refuge harbour between Green Island and the Macao water front. The plan calls for the extension of the Praya or Bund to connect with Green Island, and the laying out of business and industrial sites on the reclaimed land.

The above plan of the Macao authorities seems to have been conceived many years ago, for an old map of Macao published in 1884 already contained a well thought out design for the construction of the enclosed harbour, with piers and other improvements shown on the project. In explaining the subject to us, our informant also mentioned the undoubted fact that the Portuguese have long entertained a desire to annex Wanchai and the dominating hills of the Pek-shan-ling beyond Chinsan. It is claimed that without these surrounding hills, Macao would be defenceless and would be subject to aggressive attacks by the Chinese who can easily fortify the neighbouring hills dominating Macao. Our informant also thinks that along with their desire to extend their territory, the Portuguese have been known to harbour a design to provoke the natives in the surrounding villages into attacking them, so that the occasion may be seized upon as a pretext to realize their coveted object in increasing their possessions.

In view of the grave possibilities it is pointed out that it would be absolutely folly for the Chinese troops to start the clash, since such an incident would undoubtedly furnish the Portuguese the *raison d'être* to claim annexation of the contiguous and surrounding territory.

PORTUGUESE CEASE OPERATIONS.

As to the settlement of the present dispute, it is learned that a representative of the Military Government, Dr. Lin Tze Feng, has been holding "conversations" with the Portuguese officials in Macao since last Friday, and that the Military Government has received advice from Col. Luo Yen-shen, the new commandant at Chinsan, to the effect that the Portuguese have agreed to cease work on the reclamation project pending a final settlement.

Incidentally it is also said that the Tsuchun has ordered the transfer of Major Mo Kei and his men from Chinsan to some other station. Trouble between the old troops and the new garrison at Chinsan was feared on account of a dispute over some private affair.

The dead body of a Chinese soldier was said to have been found near Macao last Saturday afternoon, which gave rise to further rumours about a conflict between some Portuguese and Chinese soldiers, resulting in the killing of the Chinese soldier by the Portuguese. It is said that the dead soldier was drowned and that no wounds were found on his body, so that the story about the killing is believed to be groundless.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE.

On the other hand, the Chinese believe that the present boundary of Macao is incorrect, much farther than the Chinese would admit or allow; that the barrier gate now erected by the Portuguese is being tolerated for the time being pending further investigation and conversation on the demarcation question; that China has never definitely recognized what the Portuguese have claimed; and the Cantonese authorities are right in trying to check the attempt of the Portuguese to take advantage of the present disputes between the North and the South by aggressive efforts and entering into disputed territory, when the demarcation question is still on.

So far neither side has officially made known its view on the subject, pending further negotiation, and it is understood that the Portuguese have ceased construction temporarily in order to avoid further complication in the matter.—Canton Times.

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THE AMBITIONS OF SIMONOV.

A MARPLOT OF SIBERIA.

The Harbin correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writes on Jan. 14:

The interruption of the telegraphic lines between Irkutsk and here since the end of last month has naturally resulted in the spreading of numerous false reports concerning happenings west of Baikal. Until quite recently telegraph messages were being received by Peking by way of the Irkutsk-Khabarovsk line. This line has also become interrupted, but the reason is not that which has appeared in the Tientsin press, namely, that Khabarovsk has been occupied by the Bolsheviks. This report is evidently of Japanese origin. What really has taken place is that Simonov's troops, who occupy all territory east of Verkhne-Udinsk, refuse to allow any telegrams unfavourable to their cause to travel past the latter point. At Khabarovsk which lies some 300 versts south of Verkhne-Udinsk on the Transbaikal-Mongolian frontier there are actually Japanese troops the furthest point east occupied by the Reds being Myssovoe, the country lying between these two points being at present "neutral."

A RIPE PLUM FOR THE REDS.

The actual situation in what may be broadly termed the Baikal area is really quite simple to explain. West of Irkutsk and in the town itself there is no more Kolchak Government nor Government troops. Everything has passed into the hands of the Social-Revolutionists, who will join up with the Bolsheviks just as has been the case in Russia proper. Irkutsk station is in the hands of the Czechs. Here are to be found neither Reds or Simonov followers. A force of Japanese specially sent to protect the members of the Allied Missions and the Japanese residents who have fled from Irkutsk city is likewise located at the station. The Czechs have also taken into their hands the management of the coal mines near Irkutsk and are actually using their soldiers and some prisoners of war to work these mines temporarily, in order to obtain the necessary coal to convey their numerous "troops-trains" eastwards. The Social-Revolutionist movement is spreading eastwards just as fast as the Czechs are withdrawing.

Whilst the Czechs are in their midst the Reds are leaving the railway line severely alone. Off the line itself they are consolidating their interests so as to occupy the railway immediately the last Czech train has departed eastwards. As we have said previously a neutral zone exists between Myssovoe and Verkhne-Udinsk, an attempt of the Reds to dislodge Simonov from the latter town having failed. At Verkhne-Udinsk are to be found both American and Japanese troops, whilst Czech troops train on account of transportation difficulties are held up here at the station. The railway line between Verkhne-Udinsk and Chita is occupied by Simonov and it is his troops that are putting difficulties in the way of the withdrawing Czechs, and allowing only his own telegrams and those of the Japanese military to pass through Transbaikalia.

SIMONOV RELIES ON JAPAN.

Simonov, whose forces are neither numerous or reliable, is placing his whole faith in the belief that the necessary armed assistance of the Japanese he has asked for will be forthcoming, so as to keep the Reds from overrunning Eastern Siberia. He should be disillusioned at once for it is madness for the Japanese to attempt armed intervention on a large scale now. The time has long passed, and all the Allies are aware of this fact. The East Siberian population is heart and soul against the reactionary military dictatorship that Simonov wishes to impose on them with the aid of Japanese bayonets.

Now that Denikin and Kolchak forces have disappeared notwithstanding the support given to them by the Allies, the latter should not hesitate in deciding upon the immediate withdrawal of all Allied troops to be found in East Siberia. As the Czechs are withdrawing as quickly as means of communication allow them, and as the withdrawal of all American troops has been decided upon the latter being prepared to leave immediately, there only remain in the country the Japanese. As the presence of the latter can do neither any good to the Allies themselves including Japan or to Russia as a free and federated State there should be no hesitation about their withdrawal in the wake of the Czechs and the Americans.

RUSSIAN APATHY.

As the whole Russian people are tired of war and bloodshed and apparently quite prepared to accept a Soviet rule, further Allied intervention must be tabooed by the Allies themselves, especially in behalf of Simonov, who is looked upon as a mere adventurer by the Russian people and Allies alike. It is now necessary to turn back and analyse what has happened in Eastern Siberia during the last fortnight or so to realize the true rôle Simonov is now trying to play and the absurdity of treating him further as a true Russian "patriot" as he proclaims himself to be.

His behaviour towards the departing Czechs has been both unwarranted and uncalculated. He has purposely retarded the passage of their troops, and attempted the breaking of their lines of communication by stopping the despatch of telegrams in the Czech language through Transbaikalia. Troop trains that left Irkutsk before the end of December have not yet reached Manchuria, though the actual time required is under normal conditions not over a week. At points west of Chita there have been actual clashes between Simonov's Cossacks and the Czechs, for which the former are solely to blame. The Czech military authorities responsible for the conveying of the troops to Vladivostok, at station Manchuli and Harbin have been unable to get any information as to the whereabouts of the different echelons owing to the fact that they were not allowed to use their telegraph wires between Chita and Manchuli.

SPECULATIONS IN HONGKONG.

The Hongkong Correspondent of Finance and Commerce, a new Shanghai weekly, writing under date January 15, reported that the December Settlement in Hongkong was a particularly heavy one for share-brokers, although heavy smashes were not reported. One firm of brokers are said to have been called upon for a lakh of dollars over a Shanghai cotton share deal.

Exchange speculators in Hongkong have reported heavy losses during the past six months—one report is that it reaches three million dollars. Many Chinese speculators have paid up their losses, while some declared bankruptcy or fled the Colony. Compradors of the banks are said to be engaged in some four lakhs of dollars, which have to be made good to their respective banks before China New Year.

ping the despatch of telegrams in the Czech language through Transbaikalia. Troop trains that left Irkutsk before the end of December have not yet reached Manchuria, though the actual time required is under normal conditions not over a week. At points west of Chita there have been actual clashes between Simonov's Cossacks and the Czechs, for which the former are solely to blame. The Czech military authorities responsible for the conveying of the troops to Vladivostok, at station Manchuli and Harbin have been unable to get any information as to the whereabouts of the different echelons owing to the fact that they were not allowed to use their telegraph wires between Chita and Manchuli.

SIMONOV'S CLIMB DOWN.

Things reached such a climax that the Czechs, through the Japanese and Chinese authorities at Manchuli, actually sent an ultimatum to Simonov, stating that if the latter persisted in his high-handed methods against the passage of their troops-trains, the Czechs themselves would take measures. Thanks principally to Chinese mediation Simonov has climbed down and on the 12th instant Czech telegraphic communications between Chita and Manchuli were again restored.

Simonov is, however, a man of moods and promises unfulfilled, so that the present order of things may undergo another change without warning whatsoever. To make things even more complicated there has been an armed encounter between an armoured train of Simonov and the Americans at a small station near Verkhne-Udinsk. It appears that the Cossacks for some unknown reason opened fire on the Americans, killing two or three of their number and wounding a dozen or more. Naturally the Americans returned fire and though definite official news is not to hand, it is stated that the Simonov armoured train eventually fell into American hands.

General Skripetrov, recently appointed by Simonov as Military Commandant of the Irkutsk Military Circuit, has been arrested by order of General Janin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, whilst at Verkhne-Udinsk. Apparently Janin has his temporary headquarters at the latter station.

AMERICANS WAITING TO LEAVE.

The Americans, "whilst holding themselves in readiness to leave Transbaikalia, have not yet received the necessary train-transport and it is thought that their actual withdrawal will take place immediately following the Czechs coming from the westward. The Allied representatives are at present at Chita, but are expected to leave for Vladivostok. It would seem, however, much more important for them to remain where they are, until Transbaikalia affairs are smoothed out. At Chita they are actually on the spot and are able to watch closely the conduct of Simonov.

The Ataman is very busy making new decrees in his capacity of Commander-in-Chief of Eastern Siberia, and appointing his henchmen and ardent supporters to all responsible positions. His nominee has replaced General Rozanoff at Vladivostok. In Northern Manchuria he is showing considerable activity. He has appointed General Krestchinskisky as commander of strategic points and reserves along the Chinese Eastern Railway zone. He has his representative and a certain number of men at Manchuli, Hailar and Harbin all doing what they can in his interests.

OVERTURES TO CHANG TSO-LIN.

Simonov's Harbin representative has just left for Mukden, the object of his visit is to confer with Chang Tso-lin, the uncrowned King of Manchuria, from whom Simonov solicits support. Though frustrated the Ataman still has hopes of gaining military control of the Chinese Eastern Railway and, therefore, wishes to make some compromise with the Chinese military authorities.

Not much faith can be placed in the telegrams despatched from Harbin and Vladivostok by the Russian Telegraph Agency and others who still remain supporters of Kolchak and are strongly opposed to the Social-Revolutionist wave that is gradually but effectively sweeping across the expanse of Siberia. They are to say the least not impartial and as often as not from unreliable and interested sources.

THE S.S. "CHINA"

A PASSENGER'S STORY.

Details as to exactly what occurred when the s.s. "China" went ashore, in Nagasaki Harbour, have been secured by a China Mail representative through the courtesy of a gentleman, now in Hongkong, who was on board the vessel at the time. Told in our informant's own words the details are as follow:—The "China" struck at about twenty minutes past five on the Monday morning. She was due to leave the harbour at 5 a.m. and, of course, we were all asleep. She struck close to the light-house at the entrance to the harbour. It was a perfectly clear night and the "China" was in charge of a Japanese pilot. There were a number of fishing boats at work in the harbour and they had acetylene flares burning and although no official statement has been made, there is a theory that these flares confused the pilot. That, of course, is purely hearsay. As soon as she struck, the crew started to put out the boats, and it must be said that the men behaved remarkably well for there was absolutely nothing in the way of panic or disorder. The men carrying out the orders of the officers smartly and without confusion, and every thing went like clockwork. Soon after the vessel struck some of the passengers left in a small launch to spend the day ashore but returned in the evening and all passengers remained on board throughout the night. The next day it began to blow which caused somewhat of a "sea" and the passengers were requested to leave (not ordered). A tug was sent out which took some of the passengers off and it was to have returned to take off the remainder but for some unknown reason did not do so, and about 20 people were left on board. On Tuesday night the wind increased and at about 1 a.m. the "China" started to list very badly, to a maximum of about 22 degrees and remained in that position. The boats on the port side were lowered and everything made ready for abandoning the ship, the passengers having life belts served out, but these precautions, happily, turned out to be unnecessary. On Wednesday, at about 1.30 p.m., a launch was sent out to take the remaining passengers ashore and all were transferred to the "Nikko Maru" to continue the voyage. Prior to this, the United States transport "Great Northern" came into the harbour and tried to tow the "China" into deep water. Several further attempts were made but without success, the hawsers continually parting. On Tuesday night, when the seas were heavy, the "China" found a hole in her bottom and filled the No. 2 hold which caused the vessel to assume an even keel. Up to that time she was quite watertight. Captain Lancaster behaved splendidly and is really a first rate man. As soon as the "China" struck he put up a notice stating that all were perfectly safe and suggested getting up a dance to "celebrate" the occasion.

SHANTUNG INDUSTRIAL COMPANY.

JAPANESE ¥10,000,000 ENTERPRISE.

A large Japanese venture is reported in Tsingtao, where a number of leading Japanese firms have purchased a large tract of land with a view to establishing a ¥10,000,000 enterprise. It appears that severe competition was in progress recently for the purchase of several tracts of land ranging in area from 11,000 to 60,000 tsubo either in the city or in the suburbs, which were all in charge of the Civil Administration, among the Shantung Industrial Company (capital ¥5,000,000), run by the Fujitani, the Tsingtao Land and Building Company run by the Moriya and Asona interests (both leading Japanese business men), the Tsingtao Land Industrial Company (capital ¥3,000,000) run by Messrs. Moriya Gohbei (another Moriya) and Namba Reikichi, the Toyo Colonization Company and the Shantung Commercial Company. The competition proved so severe that each came to realize the mutual disadvantages in future and decided to co-operate with one another. A meeting of the representatives of the companies concerned was held for further discussion of the matter on the 25th ultimo, when it was decided that with the purchase of the whole lots of land, a concern called the Shantung Industrial Company should be established with a capital of ¥10,000,000 (as already mentioned), the contribution to which capital all the participating firms must share in their respective proper portions. The land having already been purchased for ¥1,750,000, the respective first instalments were paid in on the 6th instant. A general meeting of the promoters and prospective shareholders was held later at Tokyo. —Japan Chronicle.

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Alaska Chief.—31.3/5; 1.04.1/5; 1.37.1/5.
Wilkin's Micawber.—38; 1.10.4/5; 1.44.3/5; 2.17.
Allied King.—40; 1.13.2/5; 1.40; 2.24.2/5; 2.56.
Algerian Chief.—34; 1.06.1/5; 1.39.
Farmer.—37; 1.11; 1.44.1/5; 2.15.
Quartzow's Glen.—33; 1.03.2/5; 1.38.
Plain John.—35; 1.10; 1.44; 2.14.2/5.
Hongkong Chief.—33.4/5; 1.07.1/5; 1.38.
Talisman.—40; 1.18; 1.52.2/5; 2.24.1/5.
Islesman.—40; 1.18; 1.52.2/5; 2.23.2/5.
Spit Child.—35.4/5; 1.08.4/5; 1.40.2/5; 2.12.2/5.
Sir Anthony.—35.3/5; 1.07; 1.35.
High Tide and Charles.—33.2/5; 1.09.1/5; 1.44; 2.15.1/5.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Surprise.—41; 1.19.2/5; 1.53.4/5; 2.25.4/5.
Mammy's Child.—36; 1.12.2/5; 1.47; 2.20.2/5.
Beggan King.—39; 1.15; 1.49; 2.20.
King Robert.—33; 1.05.
Clansman.—39; 1.18; 1.55; 2.26.2/5.
Brutus.—32; 1.04; 1.36; 2.10.2/5.
Sinza, Chimes and Rab.—35; 1.09.3/5; 1.41.

OLD PONIES.

Gentle Cat.—37; 1.13; 1.45.2/5.
Spotted Sand.—47; 1.20; 1.55.2/5; 2.26.2/5.
Mountain King.—38; 1.18; 1.54.3/5; 2.25.2/5.
Sumatra Chief.—31.3/5; 1.04.1/5; 1.37.1/5.
Kalamazoo.—36.3/5; 1.12.2/5; 1.49; 2.19.
Colin.—34; 1.10; 1.44; 2.16.
Lovejoy.—39; 1.15; 1.48.2/5.
Mighty King.—36; 1.12; 1.48.3/5; 2.24; 2.55.2/5.
Red Robe.—37; 1.11; 1.44.1/5; 2.15.
Salamander.—41; 1.16; 1.47.2/5.
Champion Dahlia.—32.2/5; 1.02.4/5.
Valley King.—39; 1.15; 1.49; 2.20.
Rochester.—37.2/5; 1.14; 1.47.
Sandy and Sham.—34.3/5; 1.09; 1.44; 2.16.3/5.
Runaway Kid.—35; 1.11; 1.45; 2.17.
Naughty Child.—38; 1.15; 1.49; 2.22.3/5.
Slamcase Cat.—36; 1.10.3/5; 1.45; 2.15.

LARSEN GRIFFINS.

King Cole and King Bruce.—38; 1.14; 1.49; 2.21.
Scotia Dahlia.—39; 1.16; 1.51.3/5; 2.22.3/5.
The following times were recorded yesterday —
Paper Money (Derby).—35; 1.10; 1.45; 2.16.2/5.
Burning Daylight (Old).—35.2/5; 1.09.2/5; 1.41.2/5.
Ornello (Sub.).—35.2/5; 1.12; 1.46.
Kipper (Sub.).—37; 1.14; 1.46.2/5.
Cornet (Larsen).—37; 1.13; 1.50.
El Dorado (Sub.).—37; 1.13; 1.46.
Saverlake (Sub.).—37.2/5; 1.13.2/5; 1.46.3/5.
Lord Lorne.—34.2/5; 1.09; 1.43.2/5; 2.15.
Buck Up, Buzz Off and Cannon (Subs.).—35.3/5; 1.08; 1.42.

THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Corinthian Yacht Club was held in the Club-house last evening, Mr. P. M. Hodgson presiding. He was supported by Messrs. R. Henderson, E. J. Ainslie, H. S. Rouse, R. J. Dixon, H. C. Resker (Hon. Treasurer), and E. Burn (Hon. Secretary). The Chairman said that the meeting was called for the purpose of altering some of the rules and adding a new one, enabling ladies to join. There were a number of ladies who were keen on yachting and had proved themselves capable of handling a boat. They came to the Club often and took out small boats in all kinds of weather. The rougher the weather the better it was liked by them. They were keen on racing, but at present they had no opportunity of doing so. They could only take the boats out for fun. He could not see any possible objection to allowing ladies to compete in the races.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried:—
In Rule 2 the word "Assistant" be deleted, and the word "Sailing" be substituted. The words "two Deputy Measurers" and "Deben-ture Holding" be deleted.
After the word "Commodore" in the sixth line, add the words "or Vice-Commodore."

In Rule 4 after the word "Commodore" add the word "or."
In Rule 14 delete the words "a maximum" and "of \$15."
In Rule 18 delete from the words "Any Member" in line one, to the word "year" in line five, and substitute in place thereof:—
"Any Resident Member absent from the Colony for any period of, or joining as a member during the season extending from the 1st August in one year to the 31st July in the following year, shall only pay a subscription proportionate to the

EXTRACT FROM A SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DIARY.

The Sanitary Inspector went up the Hill to interview a lady householder. "Oh! Inspector," said she, "I'm in such trouble, but I really don't know how to put it to you. You see—it's really to do with my servants. I am always talking to them, but they take no notice. Can you help me?" "Yes, madam, certainly. I will go and speak to them."

The Inspector proceeds to the servants' quarters. "Are you the No. 1? You are! Well, what's the matter? Who...? Why...? Don't do it again or...!!!!? You know it stinks!" "Yes, sir, me say." The Inspector returns to madam. "Yes, madam, I think I have settled the matter satisfactorily. I have thoroughly explained to them the first principles of hygiene and sanitation, pointing out from its several aspects the awful consequences resulting through neglecting same. They seem to be fairly intelligent, and I am confident that the impression I have made will be lasting."

"Oh! thank you so much. It is very good of you. May I offer you some refreshment?" "Thank you, madam, but I would rather not. Good morning, madam." "Good morning, and thank you so much."

WILLIAM HILL.

period of his presence in the Colony, or his membership during that season." That the following rule be added:—
"18c. Ladies may join, and enjoy all the privileges of the Club, except the right to vote at meetings, upon payment of the subscription of \$5. per annum, and Naval and Military members may, as subscribers, join on payment of the full annual subscription, as defined in Rule 18, without entrance fees and without the right to vote at meetings."

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Butler's Service to the China Mail.)

IRONMOULDERS' BALLOT.

LONDON, January 22nd.—The ironmoulders' ballot resulted in 9,677 votes in favour of resumption of work and 11,363 against.

MR. ASQUITH.

LONDON, January 22nd.—Mr. Asquith has decided to stand for Faisley.

PARIS RUMOUR CONTRADICTED.

LONDON, January 22nd.—The Paris report that Marshal Foch is going to Warsaw is officially denied.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Our Legislators meet to-morrow at 12 noon.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary will move these resolutions:—

1. That Standing Order No. 11 be amended as follows:—

In sub-section (a) by the omission of all the words after "Chairman" and the substitution of the following words: "The Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, and the Unofficial Members of the Council."

In sub-section (c) by the omission of all the words after "Chairman" and the substitution of the words "the Treasurer, and the Unofficial Members of the Council."

2. That Standing Order No. 12 be amended as follows:—

In line 1 by the omission of the words "either" and "or" the Public Works Committee."

In line 3 by the omission of the words "on either of such Committees" and the substitution of the words "the Committee."

In line 5 by the substitution of the word "the" for the word "such."

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will move:—

1. That, with a view to giving facilities for commercial expansion, a Committee of the Legislative Council be appointed, consisting of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and two Official and three Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council upon the resumption of the Military Establishments on the Queen's Road and the terms and conditions of such resumption.

2. That the various Housing Schemes for different sections of the community in various districts of the Colony be now referred by the Government to the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council, with power to that Committee to make suggestions as to the carrying out and financing of such schemes and as to the improvement of the methods of communication with the outlying districts which are sought to be developed by such schemes.

Notice of the following questions has been given by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.:—

1. What steps is the Government taking for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of the Coroner's jury with regard to the recent Victoria Jail tragedy, in which two Warders lost their lives?

2. Will the Government consider the advisability of establishing a Pasture Institute in this Colony? What would be approximately the cost of doing so? Will the Government procure the services of a trained and fully qualified man, who has passed through the course at a Pasture Institute?

3. In view of the bad example set by the exhibition of crimes of violence and other criminal acts on cinema films, will the Government give directions to the Censors to refuse to pass films for exhibition in this Colony which show the execution of any of such crimes or criminal acts?

4. What steps is the Government taking to secure the inclusion of Hongkong in the proposed Imperial Commercial Wireless Scheme?

5. What facilities is the Government giving for the encouragement of Aerial Transport to and from this Colony?

The orders of the day include the following:—

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the execution of instruments under seal by the agents of certain foreign corporations.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Company was held in the Registered Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, at noon to-day.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was in the chair, and he was supported by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone (Directors), and Mr. F. Graham (Manager) and Mr. H. J. Gedge (Solicitor of the Company).

The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. Young Sing, Ip Fook, Leung Wing Sang, Chan Cho Nam, L. E. Ozorio, Leung Yau Po, A. H. M. da Silva, C. H. P. Hay and J. F. Grose.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The first business before us is to consider, and if thought fit, approve the Draft New Articles, which are submitted to the Meeting. Our present Articles of Association were drawn up in 1889 when the Company was formed, and with the exception of an alteration in the Capital of the Company in 1899, have not been amended in any way. To meet present day requirements, and to bring them into line with the Hongkong Companies Ordinances, it is necessary that they should be brought up to date. The Solicitors of the Company have gone carefully into them, and the Draft Articles now submitted are on similar lines to what other Companies operating here and at Home have adopted recently. The Circular dated January 13 draws your attention to the principal variations, and I do not think there is anything that can be usefully added to it.

I therefore propose, as an Extraordinary Resolution, that the Draft Articles now submitted to the meeting be approved.

Seconded by Hon. Sir P. Chater, C.M.G., and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The second

Extraordinary Resolution deals with the proposed increase of the Capital of the Company to \$3,000,000, by the creation of 240,000 Shares of \$10 each ranking for Dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing shares in the Company. The Company as you are aware was formed in 1889 with a Capital of \$300,000, which was increased to \$600,000 ten years later. Since then the operations of the Company have been extended considerably, and almost every year has witnessed extensive additions to our generating plant and mains. For some time these have been paid for out of revenue, with assistance from our Bankers, and a Reserve Fund formed, but the time has now come when more money is required for further additions to Plant and Mains. When it was decided by your Directors to purchase the land at North Point and erect a new Generating Station there, the time seemed opportune to increase our Capital. The war broke out very soon afterwards, which prevented your Directors carrying out their intention. The new plant which has been installed at North Point, and other necessary additions, have been financed by our Bankers, to whom we are indebted at the present moment for about \$600,000. To cope with the increased demand for current, an order has been placed for a 5,000 K.W. Turbo Generator, which it is hoped will be delivered this year, and it is more than likely that by the time that plant is running, we shall have to order another of similar size. To meet this expense and wipe out our overdraft requires fresh capital, and I think Shareholders will agree that the Resolution, which I shall now propose, is not only in the best interests of the Company, but essential, in order that we may efficiently cope with the ever increasing demand for current made upon us.

I propose the following Extraordinary Resolution:—That the Capital of the Company be increased to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) by the creation of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand (240,000) shares of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing shares in the Company.

Seconded by Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: Having passed the first Resolution without modification, the third Resolution is merely a formal one.

I have therefore to propose the following Extraordinary Resolution:—That the New Articles already approved by this Meeting, and for the purposes of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be, and they are, hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company, to the exclusion of, and in substitution for, all the existing Articles thereof.

Seconded by Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone and carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with the announcement that a Confirmatory Meeting will be held on Feb. 16.

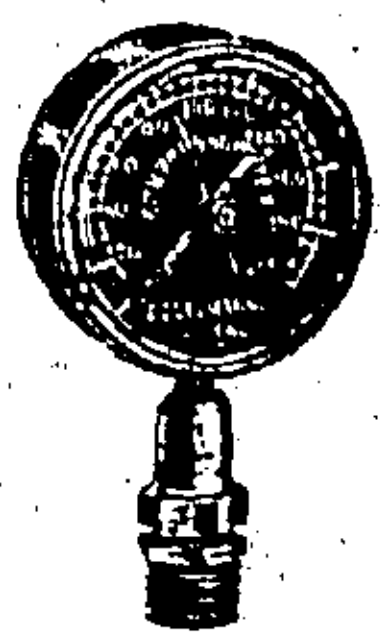
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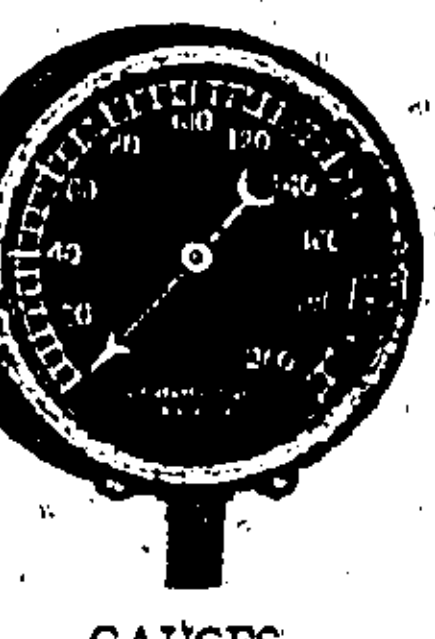
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PEAR-SHAPED MEN.

The retirement of Dr. A. Moore, who has spent 18 years in the service of the Shanghai Municipal Council as Assistant Health Officer, is announced.

The N.C. Daily News observes that Dr. Moore did not often write the Health Officer's Reports but while Dr. Stanley was on leave in 1916, he wrote a report for July of that year, which though it is still fresh in the minds of some, will by reason of its breeziness of style and sheer common sense bear repetition in part:—

"It is lamentable to see how errors in diet, particularly in the consumption of meat and alcohol, cut short the best and most useful portion of men's lives, causing premature deterioration both in their mental and physical capacities. Men who have been the pride of the football, hockey, cricket and polo grounds, when they approach the forties and ought to be still in the full prime of manly vigour, begin to talk of the efforts of the Anno Domini and of life out East, and gradually cease to take part in more active forms of exercise; they prefer to amble gently round the sedentary attraction of croquet or lawn bowls, and generally speaking, show a tendency towards sexagenarian habits 10 or 15 years before the time. This change in their mode of life is usually accompanied by a greater devotion to the pleasures of the table, for the ordinary man has not the remotest idea of regulating his diet according to his bodily requirements, to the nutritive value of his food, or to the season or climate, or in accordance with anything at all except his own palate, the cubic capacity of his stomach and his fear of indigestion.

The city office man eats usually more food and richer food than the labouring peasant, and washes it down with copious stimulants, the almost inevitable result being that he becomes corpulent, flabby and devoid of energy both mental and physical, for all of which he very unreasonably curses the climate or the sins of his ancestors. The Eskimau in the Arctic regions lives on rich blubbery meat, and the Arab of the tropical desert on a daily ration of a handful or two of rice and a few dates, but the young European is prepared, with the aid of alcohol, to work doggedly through six or eight course tiffins and dinners in every season of the year, and in any climate under the sun, and then he is surprised if, later on in life, he develops a pear-shaped figure, with a tendency to all sorts of diseases, and has to learn, when too late, that it is well nigh impossible to correct the ill effects resulting from years of dietetic ignorance or perversity.

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ARRIVALS.

January 23.

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The s.s. VAN WEARWYCK, Dutch, 1,906 tons, from Singapore Capt. J. Claassen, J.O.L. K. Wharf.

The s.s. SHINPOO, Chi., 1,688 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. K. H. Haseo, Nematoe S.S.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

January 27.

Per s.s. Inaba Maru—Mrs. A. Edwards, Miss E. A. Edwards, Miss P. Smart, Mrs. J. B. Pictoria, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully, Miss Head, Miss M. McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki and daughter, Prof. Maide, Mr. E. Wakelam, Mr. Daylof, Mr. T. McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harper, Mr. H. McPhail, Mrs. N. Mandrika, Mr. Z. Mandrika, Mr. W. Sankawina, Master O. W. Edwards, Master J. A. Edwards, Mr. M. S. Stooce, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ling and child, Mr. C. F. Appleton, Mr. S. Ery, Mr. A. Teitelbaum and Mr. T. Livercar.

Consignees are reminded that cargoes by the s.s. "Persia Maru" and the s.s. "Arista" should be cleared by to-morrow or they become subject to rent.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

An agreement has been entered into between the Post Office of China and Hongkong for an exchange of insured letters. The medium of insurance is the French Currency and the maximum amount for which a letter may be insured is 3000 francs.

A telegram has been received from the G.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

Attention is again directed to the necessity for more adequate packing of parcels addressed to United Kingdom. All parcels insured and ordinary, to and from United Kingdom are now forwarded in bags and very careful packing is necessary to ensure safe transmission.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China has been put into operation since the 1st January, 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been resumed since the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammarah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, January 23.

Japan via Moji—Per MADRAS.

THURSDAY, January 23.

Swatow and Shanghai—Per CHENAN.

FRIDAY, January 30.

Bombay—Per TAMA MARU.

Shanghai—Per SUIYANG.

SUNDAY, February 1.

Europe via Negapatam—Per CHAK SANG.

WEDNESDAY, February 4.

Bombay—Per TOTOMI MARU.

Swatow and Calcutta—Per SHIMPO MARU.

THURSDAY, February 5.

Singapore—Per ITOLA.

FRIDAY, February 6.

Bombay—Per SHINYO MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, January 23.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

Japan via Moji—Per BANBI MARU, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per YANG TZE KIANG, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 23.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 8 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 5.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Yokohama, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per COLOMBIA, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Saigon—Per PROSPER, Noon.

Straits, Bagkok, and India via CANTON—Per NANSANG, 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 30.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.30 a.m.

Straits, Bagkok, and India via Calcutta—Per MADRAS, Noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per HAIHONG, Noon.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 31.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 1.30 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per YINGHONG, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, February 1.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.30 a.m.

Saigon and Bagkok—Per UNNAN MARU, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, February 2.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHUN-TIEN, 11 a.m.

Japan via Negapatam, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per PERSIA MARU, Registration 8 p.m. Letter 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, February 3.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per LIANG-CHOW, 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per HAI-CHING, Noon.

Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per SUIYANG, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 6.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per QUINTALTO, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 10.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMIU, 3 p.m.

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